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SUBJECT: ALHADEFF NATIONALIZATION

REF: KINSHASA 2811 AND 2901

1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN CONTACTED BY PATRICK MITCHELL (DUNCAN, ALLEN AND MITCHELL), WHO HAS INFORMED US HE IS HANDLING LEGAL MATTERS FOR THE ALDHADEFFS. MITCHELL HAS CONTACTED HIS PARTNER IN WASHINGTON, WHO SET UP AMERICAN ALHADEFF, INC., AND WHO WILL PROBABLY PARTICIPATE IN ALHADEFF DISCUSSIONS WITH DEPARTMENT WHICH WE UNDERSTAND WILL TAKE PLACE NEXT WEEK.

2. MITCHELL PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON ALHADEFF REAL ESTATE HERE WHICH IS NOT ENTIRELY CONSISTENT WITH EARLIER INFORMATION FROM JOSEPH EL MANN AS REPORTED IN REFTELS. MITCHELL INFORMED US THAT THE REAL ESTATE IS HELD BY RACHEL ROSANES ALHADEFF IN TRUST FOR SARAH ROSANES ALHADEFF ALTHOUGH VARIOUS OTHER ALHADEFFS ARE THE EFFECTIVE OWNERS OF SAME PARCELS. RACHEL AND SARAH ARE LEGAL RESIDENTS OF ZAIRE AND BECAUSE ZAIRE REALESTATE LAWS PERMIT THE

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CONFISCATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY ABSENTEE FOREIGN

LANDLORDS IT WAS THOUGHT SAFER TO LEAVE THE REAL
ESTATE IN THE HANDS OF RACHEL AND SARAH RATHER THEN
CONSOLIDATING IT INTO AMERICAN ALHADEFF, INC.

3. MITCHELL IS WILLING TO MAKE THE FIRST DEMARCHE
BUT WILL WAIT FOR RESULTS OF INITIAL DISCUSSIONS
BETWEEN ALHADEFFS AND DEPARTMENT. EMBASSY BELIEVES
MITCHELL SHOULD CARRY THE BALL FOR A WHILE BEFORE
WE GET INVOLVED.
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